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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A hollow-interior vehicle door comprising:

an outer panel element;

a functional part; and

~~an internal stiffening structure, at least one outer panel element supported by said stiffening structure and functional parts, said stiffening structure accommodating said functional parts, wherein said internal stiffening structure includes a first stiffening element for supporting said at least one outer panel element and a second stiffening element for supporting said functional part, wherein said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element having at least one~~
have a connecting surface which defines an access opening to a door interior.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said second stiffening element ~~of said stiffening structure~~ further includes a window frame.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said ~~at least one connecting surface~~ is formed by an outwardly pointing wall of said second stiffening element and an inwardly pointing wall of said first stiffening element.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, ~~wherein further including a seal that seals off the vehicle door with respect to a vehicle chassis and is arranged in on a door side of~~ said ~~at least one connecting surface~~ between said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 12, wherein ~~at least one~~ connecting bolt secures said first stiffening element to said second stiffening element, each ~~of said at least one connecting bolt~~ including a bolt head ~~having that has~~ a clamping surface for clamping said seal.

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14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, ~~wherein further~~ including a lock compartment wall ~~is provided~~ on one of said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element and a free wall end ~~provided on the other of said first~~ stiffening element and said second stiffening element, ~~wherein said free wall end is sealingly~~ supported against said one of said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element to encapsulate a door lock.
15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said functional ~~parts are~~ part is at least one of a hinge, a hinge plate, a closure element, a window lift and a loudspeaker.
16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, further including an inner panel element.
17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said internal stiffening element structure is substantially pan-shaped.
18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said ~~at least one external~~ outer panel element is substantially lid-shaped.
19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said first stiffening element is substantially framed shaped and said second stiffening element is substantially pan-shaped.
20. (NEW) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said functional part is a hinge.